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**"Save the Waste and Win the War"**

**A BOY SCOUT LEADER.**

OKLAHOMA CITY went "over the top" for the Boy Scouts fund, as it does whenever asked to subscribe for any patriotic purpose. The money thus invested will pay dividends in service to humanity, in better citizenship, and added joyousness to boyhood. The happiness of the youngsters is worth the price, but it is only a minor part of the good to be derived from the Boy Scout movement. The happiness may pass for a time, but the benefits will last throughout their "whole enduring lives." Because of the generosity of our citizens, the movement should expand and its work be more effectively guided than ever before.

To secure a paid executive to devote his whole time and talent to the scout work, was the principal purpose in raising this fund, and that the best results must be obtained it is essential a man fully suited and equipped for the task be selected. Already there is such a man in Oklahoma City, a man who has worked hard for the Boy Scouts and other boys, who loves boys and is by them beloved. This man is the Rev. J. E. Pershing, Congressional minister. The work Mr. Pershing has already done is his best recommendation, and, if he could be induced to take the place, it would be difficult to find an able man for the position.

Certainly any outsider who might be brought in would have to bring wonderful efficiency to the work if he should hope to make up for Mr. Pershing's knowledge of the boys and his standing in the community. If the local man would accept the leadership of the Oklahoma City Boy Scouts, there is no doubt the choice would please the boys, as well as citizens in general.

Don't forget that Monday is also wheatless day, and that all week and Sunday (now harken to our say) one must eat wheatless, as Mr. Hoover said, and another one is meatless that others may be fed. Tuesday you'll be eating no meat at all; thus aid in defeating old Deutschland over all. Saturday no bacon or other form of pork. Must cheer you as you waken or stay you as you work. Thus with conservation and with savings stamps, you may save the nation from Wilhelm and his scamps.

**THE KAISER'S SONS.**

RECENTLY the kaiser extended condolences to a German who had lost his fifth and last son in the war. The war lord told his servicable subject that he should be proud to have given five sons to the fatherland, and all that piffle. Possibly, such are the intricacies of the Prussian mind, the bereft parent was satisfied and even glorified by the kaiser's kind words. But were he of any other nationality, he would think of the kaiser's six sleek sons, who have been in this war from the start, and haven't received a scratch, because their fighting has been done by proxy at a safe distance from the scene of carnage. Most of the homes in Germany today are draped in mourning for soldier dead, but the Potsdam palace continues to be an exception. Royalty has degenerated a great deal since the old days when a king held his job because he could make a full hand with sword or battle ax, and of them all the most degenerate is the house of Hohenzollern, for there is where the war started, but as yet no Hohenzollern blood is shed.

It isn't true that no one loves a fat man, but people are apt to suspect him of not Hooverizing as he should.

Without any hint from Irv Cobb, the newspapers seem to be using the silence treatment pretty effectively on a certain Wisconsin statesman.

## OUR GROWING NAVAL STRENGTH.

SECRETARY DANIELS may be enjoying a cheerful dream when he forecasts the probability that America may soon have the world's greatest navy. Great Britain has also made a specialty of building fighting craft since the war began, and, despite such losses as have been sustained, undoubtedly has a stronger fleet today than when the trouble started. How much stronger, the world doesn't know, and the kaiser's armada isn't going out to investigate. The Jutland battle was sufficient to teach the seagoing Teuts the importance of safety first, and since then the German fleet has gathered barnacles behind its own mine fields and land defenses.

But Daniels' statement is encouraging, even if somewhat fulsome and taking in too much territory. It is no secret that our navy has expanded rapidly since the war began, and the optimism of the naval secretary indicates that growth has been greater than our fondest hope. This growth is important to us and the allies, for it adds to the preponderance of their power at sea, and may in part explain Admiral Jellicoe's prediction that the submarines will be definitely put out by August 1.

And this sea power means more than eliminating the U-boats, as vital as that step is to winning the war. It seals the doom of Germany, no matter what her armies may accomplish on land. There doesn't seem a chance that the allies will lose on land. Though stronger than ever on the western front, the Germans are still outnumbered there by French and British, and the Americans are steadily coming up. But if von Hindenburg's host should be fulfilled, and Paris fall and France be forced to quit, America and Great Britain would still have a force at sea which must in time bring Germany to terms. That is because Germany's commerce, as it used to be, was of infinitely more worth to Germany than any territory she can hope to take in Europe would be. Europe is not self-sustaining, and must look overseas for supplies if she is to prosper, and Germany cannot travel the sea lanes until the allies give consent.

It is possible to have a highly successful town garden without raising parsnips. The idea, you understand, is to produce food.

## SAVE AND SERVE.

THERE are not as many thrift stamp agencies in this state as there should be. That is due to the neglect of business men who have failed to heed the call. They should wake up, and it is hoped they will during the more active campaign for the sale of war savings now getting under way. But the scarcity of agencies is no reason why you should neglect to save and serve in this patriotic manner. There are enough places which have the stamps on sale so that you can get in without crowding, and you should get in, even if you do have to crowd a little. Your country needs you, and if it doesn't, it needs your money, and the spirit of saving needs encouragement in this nation. America's wealth is vast, but its expenses are tremendous, and the only way they are to be met is for everyone to help. By systematic buying of thrift stamps, you can help the country and yourself, and you should start at once.

## NO GAS, NO PAY.

ALWAYS EAGER to build up home industries, The Times hopes the gas company will find a way to prosper under the new gas ordinance even more than it has under past regulations. It should be able to do this by providing the required pressure, and having an added supply on hand during severe weather. Unquestionably that is the time when the purchasing public will buy the most gas, if they can get it, and if the gas company delivers the goods, it should live happily ever afterwards. If it fails in its service, permits its customers to shiver and promotes business for the plumber, it really isn't entitled to pay for such service. Probably the gas crisis is ended for this season, or nearly so, and the company has all the long days of spring, summer and fall in which to prepare for the eventualities of next winter. Wise men at its head should realize that the system of the Arkansas householder who wouldn't fix the roof in fair weather, and couldn't repair it during a rain storm, is no guiding policy for a public utility company.

Instead of procrastination, they should get on the job at once. Take time by the forelock, the celebrated stitch in time, in time of heat prepare for cold, and all the rest of that bromide stuff should furnish the gas company a suitable working slogan. The gas is available, and both supply and distributing companies should see the possible advantage of delivering it. The doctrine of "the public be damned" is no longer popular, and may not even be tolerated.

Nor should the public lapse into nonchalance with the coming of milder weather. By every means possible they should press the need of a better supply; should get it if possible, but if it isn't, they should lay in a few tons of coal and something to burn it in before next winter. This winter has afforded enough heatless days to last for a generation or so, and there should be no repetition of such chilly conditions.

**Luke M'Luke**  
**-His Column-**  
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Oh, Hum!  
When she's engaged life is all bliss,  
A round of joys and kisses,  
But, my, how things can go amiss  
When she becomes a Mrs.

Haw, Haw!  
"Hey," said the man, as he stepped out of the telephone booth in the drug store, "this blame phone won't work for a cent."

"Well, why don't you try a nickel," said the druggist.

Patients.  
"You should have patience, Doc," said I. To cheer the struggling Doctor Clem, And then the Doctor made reply: "Yes, I should have a lot of them."

Paw Knows Everything.  
Willie—Paw, what is a paradox?  
Paw—A paradox is the fact that a woman's clothes are on her mind when they are on her back my son.  
Maw—Willie, you get right to bed.

That's What They All Say.  
"Why is it I must slave and fret  
On my job," said old Peasy.  
"While John the other fellow get  
Are always so blame easy?"

The Wise Fool.  
"Work is the best cure for worry," observed the Sage.  
"Yes," commented the Fool. "But most of us worry because we have to work."

Billionaires.  
To worry a foolish, I'll agree,  
And it will gain you nothing, friends,  
But, oh, how rich some men would be  
If worry paid them dividends.

Perfectly Useless Information.  
(Chicago News)  
When you put a porridge saucepan to soak always fill it with water.

Naturally.  
H. T. Booz lives in Lima, Ohio, and often stops in at the Hotel Barr in that city.

Gosh!  
Arthur Swatts and A. Fly, of Midletown, Ohio, both want to get into the Club, but we are afraid Arthur might start something unless we can keep him away from A. Fly.

Aw, Gwan!  
Saturdays are now Porkless Days. But some men will eat country sausage on Saturdays and claim that they are not eating pork but ground hog.

Advice.  
Be cool and careful every day.  
Beware, my son of indigestion;  
For, when you give yourself away,  
You're apt to lose your self-possession.  
—Luke M'Luke.

And yet it is a cliché we may  
By this time have heard him to it;  
If we don't give ourselves away  
Some other guy is sure to do it.  
—Newark Advocate.

Wise Doc.  
A Missouri reader tells us that a doctor ran for Mayor in a little Missouri town and the local politicians started in to defeat him. But the doctor printed an advertisement stating that for thirty years he had been practicing medicine in the town and had been in nearly every home and that if he wasn't elected he would tell all he knew. He was elected.

Second the Motion.  
I like the good old summer time,  
I like the summer breeze,  
But I can't get this beautiful snow  
That gives us all the sneezes.

Names Is Names.  
A. Chance lives in Lancaster, S. C.

Our Daily Special.  
We All Hate To Take A Dose Of Our Own Medicine.

Luke M'Luke Says  
The electoral college has proved to be a finishing school for a whole lot of ambitious men. If you didn't get that "finishing" stuff the first time, try it again.

Some of the brides of last June who thought they had drawn Kings are just beginning to realize that what they got were Deuces.

There is a lot of humbug about some of the old saws. We sagely remark that clothes do not make the man, but we know that they are lying. Clothes do make the man nowadays. A good front will get you more respect than a good character.

It may be true that money talks. But a lot of men have to be satisfied with the echo.

Most of our troubles are purely imaginary, and worry kills more people than any other disease.

Some of the Biblical injunctions are hard to obey. But it is easy to obey the one against laying up treasures on earth these days.

And you may have noticed that the

**Sidelights on War Moves**

Managing Editor, World-Herald, Omaha, Neb.

My Dear Sir—My attention has been called to a short interview with Federal Judge Woodrugh, which appeared recently in the World-Herald. I am writing you at some length because I know the World-Herald's reputation for fairness, and I am sure that you have unintentionally done Oklahoma an injustice.

Without going into the merits of my own newspaper, I wish to cite you to one remark of Judge Woodrugh:

Oklahoma is full of slackers and I believe the condition is due to the newspapers that circulate down there, rather than to any other cause. Papers from Kansas City, Wichita, Fort Worth, Dallas and Oklahoma City are the only ones that circulate down there. \* \* \* Those fellows down there didn't really know what they should do. They couldn't find out from their newspapers.

I have been engaged in the newspaper business in the United States and Canada for twelve years, and even before I came to Oklahoma, two years ago, I knew the Kansas City Star, the Dallas News and other papers which circulate here as the best in the United States.

If you take into consideration the country that today is Oklahoma was "no man's land" thirty years ago and that we have had only ten years, I am sure you will agree with me that Oklahoma is one of the most patriotic states in the United States.

The press of the country exaggerated our anti-draft troubles of last summer in an amazing degree. No Oklahoma newspaper ever used the line—"Machine Guns Turned on Oklahoma Slackers"—which I saw in a Hearst paper in Chicago. It is true that the trouble was due to ignorance. But the ignorance of a small number of malcontents can hardly be checked up to the newspapers of a state.

In no controversial mood, permit me to direct you to the facts and figures of the first draft, submitted to all newspapers in the United States by the provost marshal general, Enoch H. Crowder.

I believe there is proof contained in this government document of my assertion that Oklahoma is a patriotic state, and that we have patriotism of the pocket-book here in this new country, as well as patriotism of the heart.

In Oklahoma the cost of the draft was \$1.57 per man, the lowest cost of any state in the United States. In Nebraska the cost was \$4.83. The result in Oklahoma was due to the stand of the governor, R. L. Williams, who insisted that no citizen should be called to fill every place on the county and district boards without paying a salary to a single man, and he did.

In Oklahoma 3,987 registered men failed to appear for examination as compared to Nebraska's slacker record of 1,369. But Oklahoma registered 6,810 men and Nebraska registered only 28,573 men. Compare the estimated population of the two states Jan. 1, 1917—Oklahoma 1,822,470 and Nebraska 1,270,301. Using these figures as a basis, you will find that Oklahoma registered one out of every 285 inhabitants, while Nebraska registered one out of 444 inhabitants. In Oklahoma the percentage of registered men who failed to appear was 6.25, as compared to the better showing of Nebraska, 4.79. Bear in mind, however, that there were twenty-nine other states where a greater percentage of registered men failed to appear than in the state of Oklahoma. Even Illinois shows more than 10 percent. Could you check the situation in Illinois up to the press in that highly newspapered commonwealth?

With the exception of South Dakota, Nebraska was the only state in which there was a greater percentage of physical fitness than in Oklahoma. Of your entire registration, 79,85 were physically fit, while we were next to you with a record of 77.92.

It happened that Nebraska and Oklahoma registered together in the class of percentage of exemption claims granted. The mark was 75 percent. There were a score of states below Nebraska and Oklahoma.

In Oklahoma 48 percent of the men registered filed claims for exemption, while Nebraska showed 45 percent. But many states like Illinois, California, Rhode Island, Alabama and Utah showed higher percentages than Oklahoma.

Oklahoma was up at the top of the column in number of men out of every hundred certified for service. We gave thirty-nine out of every 100. Nebraska's record was thirty-one out of 100. Iowa scored twenty-eight, Kansas, thirty-eight, Missouri twenty-four and Colorado thirty-two. In Oklahoma 35 percent of the men registered were called into the service, as compared to 29 percent in Nebraska. Our state put into the service 16 percent of the married men registered, as compared to the 7 percent from Nebraska.

It is not generally known that in the Christmas membership drive of the American Red Cross Oklahoma led the nation in percentage of oversubscriptions. More than 600,000 new memberships were secured.

In the second Hoover pledge campaign we trebled our quota fixed by Washington and showed the largest per capita enlistment behind the food saving program of the government.

Oklahoma City was the first city in the United States to make observance of wheatless and meatless days compulsory.

For the first Liberty loan Oklahoma invested \$15,000,000. For the second Liberty loan Oklahoma invested \$32,000,000. For the first Red Cross war fund Oklahoma raised \$877,001.85. For the first Red Cross membership campaign we added 43,000 members. For the first Knights of Columbus war campaign fund drive Oklahoma gave \$25,000, and in the second campaign the state made \$50,000. For U. M. C. A. war work the state has given \$400,000. Oklahoma has never gone under her allotted quota in any patriotic campaign. In most instances she is away up the ladder.

Oklahoma has furnished 23,000 fighting men and at home today there are nearly 2,000,000 men, women and children, intensely patriotic, loyal to the core, learning every day to do something every hour to help win the war.—W. M. H.

blessings in disguise wear mighty effective disguises.

If there were a patent medicine that would cure a mean disposition we know some men who ought to take about a million bottles.

The boy who used to throw banana skins on the sidewalk has grown up and has a store with a slippery iron cellar door in front of it that he won't put planks over in winter.

A woman's idea of a good time is to meet another woman who hates the same woman she does.

We will admit that some husbands have too much liberty. But there are other husbands who have as much liberty as a red-headed step child.

The man who never boasts any other man often wonders why he never hears other men boasting him.

Our observation of married life has been that there is too much kissing in the depots and not enough in the homes.

When a woman wants to commune with the spirits she goes to a medium. But when a man wants to commune with the spirits he goes to a bartender.

Lines Worth Remembering.  
In a promise, what men thought, and what you said, is always to be considered.—Cicero.

**Old Stories in New Type**  
from the Times Files

Twenty Years Ago.

Rush sale of lots in the new town of Stroud will commence tomorrow in this city. This town is on the St. Louis and Oklahoma railroad, Lincoln county near Creek line forty-five miles west of Sapulpa. It will be one of the hottest towns on the line. Get your lots on first sale and double your money. H. Overholser, agent.

Newly furnished rooms for rent at Second and Robinson street. Mrs. M. J. Davis.

Fred Reed and W. E. Harper departed for Grand Rapids to purchase furniture.

Fifteen Years Ago.

The Kansas City Frisco was over two hours late this morning.

The street cars will run on regular schedule Monday. Meanwhile the people are getting free rides while the cars are being tested.

Adelina Patti today signed a contract for sixty concerts here, commencing next fall. This will be her last tour.

Mrs. C. W. Durand was called to Stansbury, Mo., yesterday by the serious illness of her father.

Ten Years Ago.

Miss LaRue Cooter and her houseguests Miss Mary Ousler and Miss Brewster Alexander were given a box party last night at the Overholser to see Isabel Irving in "Susan in Search of a Husband" by Messrs. William H. Dennis, Sanford Brooks and Scott Braden. The girls looked lovely, Miss Ousler in a most becoming pink pompadour silk and a big pink plume shaded hat, Miss Alexander in blue silk with a white hat and Miss Cooter in green pompadour silk and big black hat. The party had supper afterward at the Savoy.

**Rippling Rhymes**  
by **Walt Mason**  
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THE NEAR PATRIOT.

I LOVE my country dearly, for her I'd die and bleed; I'd lose a leg, or nearly, to help her in her need. I love our stately banner, that flutters, bright and gay, and in a fervent manner I praise it every day. No man does louder spelling, or uses words more fine; I'm so worked up with feeling, I often shed some brine. Fine words! You do not heed 'em, but ask me if I'll buy some U. S. bonds of freedom—I'd rather bleed and die. My life I do not cherish, I'm ready now to go to some red field and perish, if that will beat the foe. But when you ask for money, that is another tale; ask me for life-blood, sonny, but do not ask for kale. I'd bravely face the foe, and swat him till he fell, or stop, with my abdomen the deadly bomb or shell. I'd chromen in reddened water a fortnight at a time, or wade neck deep in slaughter, in carnage and in crime. My country cannot mention a heavy sacrifice, but I will give attention and gladly pay the price. I'd lose a leg or tendon, a tonsil or a toe, to put a Grecian head on the forehead of the foe; I am no timid hummy, I'd whip a grizzly bear; but when you ask for money, why, I have none to spare!

A Toast.

Here's to the month of roses red; Here's to the dear friends long, long dead;

Here's to the ones we love the best; Here's to the laugh and merry jest; Here's to our dear old Uncle Sam; Here's to his boys who have the slam; Here's to the ships that watch at night; Here's to the ones who stand and fight; Here's to the Kaiser, lean and slim— We most sincerely pity him.

In Response.

"Excuse me," said the waiter, "but this quarter you gave me for a tip is pester."

"Well, the butter you brought me was margarine!"—Life.

Our Daily Birthday Party.  
Thomas A. Edison, one of the world's greatest inventors, born at Milan, Ohio, 71 years ago today.

Rear Admiral James H. Glennon, U. S. N., born in California, 61 years ago today.

## MUTT AND JEFF—Some Cars Are Just Cars While Others Are Automobiles



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